

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL'S REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2004 6:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIR	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Susan Brill
Member	Paul Livingston
Member	Joseph McEachern
Member	Anthony G. Mizzell
Member	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Thelma M. Tillis
Member	James Tuten
Member	Doris M. Corley

ALSO PRESENT: Michielle Cannon-Finch, T. Cary McSwain, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Carrie Neal, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Roxanne Matthews, Monique Walters, Ashley Bloom, Michael Criss, Ralph Pearson, Kendall Johnson, Stephany Snowden, Daniel Driggers, Paige Jones, Michael Byrd, Angie McInchok, Jennifer Bennett, Marsheika Martin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable James Tuten

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eastminister Troop #10 led the Pledge of Allegiance
(Scout Leader, Cliff Kitchen, was recognized in the audience.)

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the State Farmer's Market need to be discussed in Executive Session.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as submitted with the addition of an Executive Session item at the end of the meeting.

RICHLAND 101 GRADUATION – On behalf of Council, Mr. Livingston and Mr. Pearce presented certificates to citizens who participated in the Richland 101 classes.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Future Council members, Mr. Mike Montgomery and Ms. Valerie Hutchinson, were recognized in the audience.

PRESENTATION: CASA's New Director, Ms. Paige Jones – Ms. Jones gave a brief presentation about what is going on in the community and what CASA is doing to assist the children of Richland County.

CITIZEN'S INPUT - No one signed up to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Called Meeting: November 9, 2004 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Grievance Committee – This item was forwarded to the next meeting.

Chief Building Inspector - Mr. McSwain stated the position has been advertised and staff is in the process of interviewing candidates.

Mr. McEachern requested a copy of the responsibilities of the position and the qualifications the individual would need.

Council Retreat – Mr. McSwain stated that plans for the 2005 Council Retreat are underway and staff will notify Council of possible meeting dates.

Fiscal Year 04/05 Budget Documents – The budget documents were handed out to Council. Mr. McSwain commended the budget staff for a job well done in putting these documents together. He reported that the County has received nine consecutive annual awards for a Distinguished Budget Presentation.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Happy Birthday Ms. Scott – Ms. Scott was pleasantly surprised by her family with a birthday cake and banner.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

No public hearings were held at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Tuten moved, and it was seconded, to approve the following items for the consent agenda:

- **05-08MA, Eagles Rest, RU & RS-1 to PUD 1-R (88 acres), Mixed Density Residential, 01513-01-01/02**
- **05-11MA, Danielle E. Ream, RU to C-3, Doctor's Office, 15000-02-24, Wilson Blvd (Hwy 21) ½ mile north I-77**
- **05-12(a)MA, Steve Rayl, RU to C-1, Offices, 25915-02-03, Lockman Road**
- **05-13MA, Robert Garrick, RU to C-3, Retail, gas station and related uses, 32400-06-01/56/58, 7515 Bluff Road**
- **05-14MA, Jeff Greene, C-3/M-2 to C-3 (1.8 acres), Multi-family high rise residential, 112005-03-01/03, Corner of Bluff and Berea Road**
- **05-15MA, Courtyards at Salem Place, RU to PUD-1R (16.2 acres), single family zero lot line, Residential s/d, 02314-01-04/24/25(p), South side of Salem Church Road**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

THIRD READING ITEMS

Planning and Development: Adoption of the 2003 Editions of the International Building Code, International Fire Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code and International Energy Conservation Code

Mr. McSwain stated there are two ordinances in the agenda: one is the ordinance without the appendices and the second copy is the same ordinance with the appendices.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Corley, to adopt the code with the exception that in such time that the City takes action that Council defer action on the appendices until the City of Columbia adopts them so that the codes will be consistent with one another.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt the codes with the appendices.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston made a second substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the code and all appendices except C & D.

Mr. Pearce and Mr. Mizzell withdrew their motions. (Mr. Livingston's motion became the main motion.)

The vote in favor was unanimous to approve the code and all appendices except C&D.

Ordinance amending terms of the Appearance Commission to run concurrent with Council Members

Ms. Smith questioned if members of the commission would be limited to a four-year term with no more than two consecutive terms. Mr. Smith stated that she was correct.

Ms. Smith directed staff to notify Council when the member's terms are up so other appointments can be made.

The vote was in favor to approve the ordinance.

REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Notification of Vacancies on Boards, Commissions and Committees

Mr. McEachern gave notification of vacancies on the following committees:

Employee Grievance Committee-1

He stated the committee recommended advertising for the vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Notification of Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

Airport Commission-2

Mr. McEachern reported there are two vacancies to this committee with two applications received. He stated the Committee recommended approval of the two applicants: Thomas J. Porcari, Jr. and Lawrence "Larry" Self.

A discussion took place regarding the acceptance of Mr. Charles H. Lesser's application even though it was submitted after the deadline.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to suspend the rules and include Mr. Lesser's application for consideration. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The vote was as follows:

<u>Lesser</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>Porcari</u>
Pearce	Pearce	Tillis
Livingston	Livingston	
Corley	Corley	
Mizzell	Mizzell	
Scott	Scott	
Tuten	Tuten	

Brill	Brill
McEachern	McEachern
Smith	Smith
Tillis	

Mr. Self and Mr. Lesser were appointed to the Airport Commission.

Riverbanks Zoo-1

Mr. McEachern reported there is one vacancy to this committee with one application received. He stated the Committee recommended approval of Mr. Lloyd S. Liles to the commission. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. McEachern acknowledged Mr. Liles in the audience.

HOSPITALITY TAX COMMITTEE

Options for Committee Appointments – Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended approval for the Hospitality Tax Committee as a stand alone committee (in other words positions for the committee must be advertised by council). The committee would consist of 5 members, which are 2 persons from the restaurant industry, 3 persons from the community and 2 persons from staff as support.

Ms. Smith requested for the Hospitality and the Accommodations Tax Committees to meet concurrently.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

LEXINGTON/RICHLAND ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL

Ordinance Amendment to provide for the Terms of Appointment

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended First Reading approval of an amended ordinance to provide for the terms of appointment to the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one signed up to speak at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to go into Executive Session to discuss the State Farmer's Market.

Ms. Smith added to the motion that the two newly elected officials be invited into Executive Session as well because this issue will carry over into the New Year.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:55 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:39 p.m.
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Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Scott stated the item was taken for information only.

MOTION PERIOD – Mr. Pearce officially wished Ms. Scott a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT – It was moved and seconded to adjourn at approximately 7:41 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Bernice G. Scott, Chair

Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair

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